

William Carroll to Andrew Jackson, November 13, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GOVERNOR WILLIAM CARROLL TO JACKSON.¹

¹ William Carroll was governor of Tennessee 1821–1827, 1829–1835.

Nashville, November 13, 1831.

. . . . You have doubtless seen and heard every thing in relation to the reception of Major Eaton in this place. It was in fact a very flattering one. The day after his arrival, I went into the General Assembly and started a subscription paper, for the purpose of giving him a public dinner; and fifty three out of fifty nine present signed it without the least hesitation. The citizens also shewed great pleasure in testifying their respect for him. Upwards of one hundred of them were at the dinner; and the day went off with great harmony and good feeling. Some persons were in favor of inviting the members of the Legislature, but I was opposed to it, upon the ground, that their presence in that case would be doing no honor to Major Eaton, whereas, if they attended as subscribers, being members of the General Assembly, it would have the appearance abroad of being in a great degree the act of the whole State, and would certainly be more grateful to him. In truth it is but Justice to say that Major Eaton never stood as well in Tennessee as he does now; and if his friends urge him for the Senate a year hence the probability is in favor of his election. . . .